

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER NO. LTC # 077–2013

LETTER TO COMMISSION

· TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager

DATE:

March 6, 2013 .

SUBJECT: Committee for Quality Education Motions

The Committee for Quality Education would like you to be aware of the following motions regarding the Safe Routes to School application, School Patrol Liaison, Compact Press Release, and Foreign Language classes for high school credit, which were approved at their February 26, 2013, committee meeting.

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Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, QEC Liaison

City of Miami Beach Committee for Quality Education

Meeting of February 26, 2013

Members Present: Ivette Borrello, Karen Rivo, Kay Coulter, Lisa Simon, Tiffany Heckler, Sheila Duffy –Lehrman, Jill Swartz, Sofia Emuriel, Beverly Heller, Keren Bajaroff, and Heidi Tandy

Members Absent: Elisa Leone, Becky Cohen, and Ivette Birba

Motion made by Beverly Heller Motion seconded by Ivette Borrello

Motion Text:

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Mayor and Commission to consider the following regarding the Safe Routes to Schools Application for the City of Miami Beach:

- Add additional schools to future applications;
- Support inclusion of North Beach Elementary and Fienberg-Fisher K-8 for the FY 2016 Application, as well as Nautilus Middle School if eligible;
- Support advancing Safe Routes funds to Biscayne Elementary for FY 2014; and,
- Examine the City of Pinecrest Safe Routes to Schools application for ways to improve City of Miami Beach future applications

The Committee for Quality Education urges for the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 11-0

Members Present: Ivette Borrello, Karen Rivo, Kay Coulter, Lisa Simon, Tiffany Heckler, Sheila Duffy – Lehrman, Jill Swartz, Sofia Emuriel, Beverly Heller, Keren Bajaroff, and Heidi Tandy

Members Absent: Elisa Leone, Becky Cohen, and Ivette Birba

Motion made by Karen Rivo Motion seconded by Beverly Heller

Motion Text:

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Mayor and Commission consider having the City of Miami Beach School Patrol Liaisons be provided with additional training to become re-certified to carry a firearm and/or taser (if permitted) at public schools within City of Miami Beach limits to protect our children, teachers, and staff.

The Committee for Quality Education urges for the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 10-1

Members Present: Ivette Borrello, Karen Rivo, Tiffany Heckler, Sheila Duffy –Lehrman, Jill Swartz, Sofia Emuriel, Beverly Heller, Keren Bajaroff, and Heidi Tandy

Members Absent: Elisa Leone, Becky Cohen, Kay Coulter, Lisa Simon, and Ivette Birba

Motion made by Beverly Heller Motion seconded by Jill Swartz

Motion Text:

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Mayor and Commission have the City's Communication Department write a press release about the fact that all public schools within City of Miami Beach limits, including neighboring Treasure Island Elementary, are International Baccalaureate World Schools.

The Committee for Quality Education urges for the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 9-0

Members Present: Ivette Borrello, Karen Rivo, Tiffany Heckler, Sheila Duffy –Lehrman, Jill Swartz, Sofia Emuriel, Beverly Heller, Keren Bajaroff, and Heidi Tandy

Members Absent: Elisa Leone, Becky Cohen, Kay Coulter, Lisa Simon, and Ivette Birba

Motion made by Ivette Borrello Motion seconded by Karen Rivo

Motion Text:

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Mayor and Commission re-visit the Committee's recommendation issued at our meeting dated September 24, 2012; supporting the implementation of foreign language classes for high school credit at Nautilus Middle School and Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center comparable to every other International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Year Program (MYP) school in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Below is the original motion made at the September 24, 2012 meeting:

The Committee for Quality Education requests the Mayor and Commission strongly support the implementation of foreign language classes for high school credit at Nautilus Middle School and Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center comparable to every other IB MYP school in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The intent of this request is to allow children at both schools the opportunity to obtain high school credit in a foreign language class while in middle school, with the option of taking an Advanced Placement class by the 8th grade year. Implementation would be as follows:

- 2012-13 school year foreign language high school credit level 1
- 2013-14 school year foreign language high school credit level 1 and level 2
- 2014-15 school year foreign language advanced placement class high school and college credit

The Committee for Quality Education urges for the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 9-0